AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace paragraph [0014] of the Specification with the rewritten paragraph provided below.

-- [0014] Furthermore, the building material substrate may comprise a fiber reinforced material, a metal material, a plastics material, or a wood material. The fluorohydrocarbon film preferably comprises a polyvinyl fluoride film such as TEDLAR® manufactured by DuPont. In one embodiment, the film is laminated to the substrate in a manner such that the texture and embossing on the substrate are transferred to the film. In another embodiment, the film is bonded to the exterior surface (provided as an exterior-facing surface with respect to a building and also referred to as a first surface) and side edges (also referred to as a second surface) of the substrate so as to provide the substrate with a uniform exterior appearance. --

Please replace paragraph [0022] of the Specification with the rewritten paragraph provided below.

-- [0022] FIG. 1 shows a building material assembly 100 of one preferred embodiment. As FIG. 1 illustrates, the building material assembly 100 comprises a substrate 102 having an exterior surface 104 (provided as an exterior-facing surface with respect to a building and also referred to as a first surface) that is embossed or textured. Preferably, the substrate 102 comprises a substantially rectangular fiber cement plank that is approximately 1/64 inch to 2 inches thick, more preferably about 3/16 inch to

1 inch thick when the plank is to be used as part of a siding or building panel. In one embodiment, the fiber cement planks used are those described in Australian Patent No. AU 515151, entitled "Fiber Reinforced Cementitious Articles" owned by James Hardie International Finance B.V. ~~James Hardie Research Pty Limited~~. However, other substrates may also be used, including but not limited to wood, metals such as aluminum, concrete or other cementitious materials, plastics such as polyvinyl chloride, composite materials such as fiber reinforced plastics, engineered wood materials such as hardboard or oriented strand board and gypsum board. In preferred embodiments, the exterior surface of the substrate is comprised of materials having hydroxyl functional groups that are positioned to bond with other chemical compounds. Substrate materials that have naturally occurring hydroxyl functional groups include substrates made of various wood and fiber cement materials. --